

Near my farm there are very large piles of chicken manure, about 4-6 feet high by 100 yards long that have been composting in the open for the last 15 to 20 years. My question is can I incorporate this directly into the soil without waiting the 90-120 days before harvest? Can I treat this the same as compost, or would I have to treat this the same as raw manure? The material looks and smells like soil.

Compost must be produced through a process that established a carbon to nitrogen (C:N) ratio of between 25:1 and 40:1; and maintained at a temperature of between 131-170 degrees F for 3 days using an in-vessel or static aerated pile system; or maintain a temperature of between 131 and 170 degrees F for 15 days using a windrow composting system, during which period, the materials must be turned a minimum of five times. § 205.203

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